Introduction to Legal Reasoning Program

As in years past, the Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs will be offering an “Introduction to Legal Reasoning” program for students entering area law schools who are members of groups traditionally underrepresented in the practice of law. The law firm of Hogan Lovells is coordinating the city-wide program in cooperation with the Committee.

The program is designed to prepare students for the first year of law school by providing a taste of the highly analytical, argumentative style of learning to which students may have had little or no exposure. The course also provides a preview of some basic legal jargon and the fundamentals of the American judicial system. The course does not teach students substantive law. Rather, it emphasizes the process and procedures involved in law school.

The program enables students to gain a basic familiarity with legal reasoning and legal writing and culminates in a moot court exercise. Students are also introduced to basic legal research methods. Based on the Committee’s past experience and the reports of former students, the program gives students a significant advantage during the first semester of law school.

Classes, which will start in early June, will be taught at law firms in the District of Columbia by volunteer D.C. lawyers. Students will be assigned to one of several six-week sessions, meeting from 6:30 to 8:30, Monday through Thursday evenings, at the D.C. law offices of the volunteer firms. Students are asked to pay $50.00 to defray the cost of reproducing the course materials, but no tuition is required.

REGISTRATION FOR INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL REASONING PROGRAM

Name: ________________________________

May/June Address or Addresses (indicate dates):

Current Telephones:

(day) ________________________________ (evening) ________________________________ (cell) ________________________________

Permanent Home Telephone: ________________________________

E-mail: ________________________________

Would you prefer to receive course-related correspondence by e-mail? ☐ yes ☐ no

Law School you will be entering in the Fall: ________________________________

Materials for the Class will be provided at a cost of $50.00, payable by check or money order.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

SEND, WITH BOTTOM HALF OF THIS REGISTRATION FORM, TO:
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PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGE, as information will be sent in late May and June concerning the location and meeting times of your class.